

114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5977

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to provide to the appropriate committees of Congress advance notice of certain announcements, and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-**  
2 **MENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
4 (b) or as expressly provided in another provision of law,  
5 the Secretary of Transportation shall provide to the appro-  
6 priate committees of Congress notice of an announcement  
7 concerning a covered project at least 3 full business days  
8 before the announcement is made by the Department of  
9 Transportation.

10 (b) EMERGENCY PROGRAM.—With respect to an allo-  
11 cation of funds under section 125 of title 23, United  
12 States Code, the Secretary shall provide to the Committee  
13 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of  
14 Representatives and the Committee on Environment and  
15 Public Works of the Senate notice of the allocation—

16 (1) at least 3 full business days before the  
17 issuance of the allocation; or

18 (2) concurrently with the issuance of the alloca-  
19 tion, if the allocation is made using the quick release  
20 process of the Department (or any successor proc-  
21 ess).

22 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

23 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

24 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
25 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-  
26 gress” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Transportation and  
2 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;  
3 and

4 (B) the Committee on Environment and  
5 Public Works, the Committee on Commerce,  
6 Science, and Transportation, and the Com-  
7 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
8 of the Senate.

9 (2) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered  
10 project” means a project competitively selected by  
11 the Department of Transportation to receive a dis-  
12 cretionary grant award, letter of intent, loan com-  
13 mitment, loan guarantee commitment, or line of  
14 credit commitment in an amount equal to or greater  
15 than \$750,000.

16 (3) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.—The  
17 term “Department of Transportation” includes the  
18 modal administrations of the Department of Trans-  
19 portation.

Passed the House of Representatives September 21,  
2016.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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